

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A portable medication holder for holding a medication container and discharging a liquid agent therefrom, the portable medication holder comprising:

a housing including a first wall forming at least a part of a chamber ~~or part thereof~~;
an air pathway passing through the chamber;
a second wall engaging the first wall, and moveable between a closed position in which the chamber and air pathway are sealed and an open position in which the air pathway is open;
evaporation means to assist in evaporation of the liquid agent into air in the air pathway;
a medication discharge chute for directing the air pathway to a user;
opening means for opening the medication container and releasing the liquid agent to the air in the air pathway; and
at least one of one or more one-way valves to provide ~~uni-directional~~unidirectional air flow for ~~one or both~~ at least one inspiratory air and expired air.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The portable medication holder of claim 1 including the medication container being at least one of located in the chamber or in fluid communication with the chamber.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the medication container is at least one of a vial, ampoule bottle, and ~~or~~ canister and is frangible, at least in part.

Claim 4 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the liquid agent is methoxyflurane.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the second wall is formed as ~~forms~~ at least one of a cover ~~or~~ and sleeve.

Claim 6 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 3 wherein the opening means is automatically activated by moving the second wall to the open position.

Claim 7 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a striker adapted to open the medication container.

Claim 8 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 7, wherein the striker is activated by sliding the second wall to the open position.

Claim 9 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a punch to open a frangible seal in the container.

Claim 10 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a seat to grip a cap, which may be a screw cap, of the container.

Claim 11 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the opening means includes a plunger to pressurize and discharge the liquid agent.

Claim 12 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means comprises a wick material.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means comprises at least one of an evaporation plate, plate or plates evaporation plates, or and a grid.

Claim 14 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means forms a serpentine or tortuous path as part of the air pathway.

Claim 15 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute is rotatable between a stowed position and a deployed position.

Claim 16 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute further includes a gas line for delivering a respiratory gas.

Claim 17 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute includes an auxiliary air inlet adapted for occlusion by a digit of a user.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The portable medication holder of claim 1, further including one or more wherein ~~the~~at least one of one or more one-way valves are in the intake air pathway to provide unidirectional inspiratory airflow of inspiratory air.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The portable medication holder of claim 18, wherein the medication chute is in fluid connection ~~win-with~~ an outlet one-way valve for expired air ~~and the~~ one or more one-way valves include an outlet one-way valve for expired air and are in fluid communication with the medication chute.

Claim 20 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 19, wherein the medication chute is in fluid connection with a filter for removing medication from expired air.

Claim 21 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the portable medication holder is sealed against the external environment when not in use.

Claim 22 (original): The portable medication holder of claim 6 including a strap, preferably a wrist strap, attached to the second wall.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the opening means opens the medication container and releases the liquid agent to the evaporation means.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means is an evaporation surface inside the medication container.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The portable medication holder of claim 16, wherein the evaporation surface is formed by at least one of an absorbent material ~~or and~~ wick.